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Driskill appoints Cheryl Grazier to head Missouri Women's Council

Cheryl E. Grazier of Jefferson City has been appointed the new executive director of the Missouri Women's Council. Grazier had been serving as executive director of the Council on Efficient Operations for Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell.

Joseph L. Driskill, director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, made the appointment. The women's council is part of the department's Division of Workforce Development.

"I am very pleased to appoint Cheryl to this important position. I know she has the experience and leadership skills to work with council members and other agencies to ensure all women in Missouri have access to information and resources that will help ensure they have access to the many opportunities available to them," said Driskill.

Grazier said she is excited about the opportunities facing the council. "I am pleased and honored to have been appointed to this position," said Grazier. "The Missouri Women's Council is a strong, growing organization, and one with enormous potential to serve the close to 3 million females in Missouri. We have the opportunity to do great things for the women in Missouri."

Grazier brings nine years of state government experience to her new position. She has also worked in Senate Research and as policy director for former Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Stephens College in Columbia and her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

In addition to her government work, Grazier currently serves on the National Alumni Board for Columbia College, is a member of the Leadership Missouri Alumni Organization, and works with the 10-33 Benevolent Fund, Inc.

The women's council works closely with other agencies and community based organizations to promote the well being of women in Missouri. The Council was created by statute in 1985 to identify issues affecting the economic and employment status of Missouri women.

The Missouri Women's Council has 15 members, including two members of the Senate, two from the House, and 11 appointed by the Governor.